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Nearly 400 readers took part in our Survey, and this is their answer—

GIVE SOCCER PUBLICITY, LEADERSHIP —AND DISTRICT TEAMS

By FRED VILLIERS, Editor, Soccer News

VICTORIA'S Soccer public have cast a unanimous vote that the code is under publicised.

They demand that the Victorian Soccer Federation take steps to advertise and promote the game more in Melbourne.

Victorian Soccer fans are not happy with the game's administration. They claim many promises were made by the Federation in 1962, but few have been kept.

They feel there is much room for improvement in the way the code is run in Victoria.

Among other things:

Fans want an end to brawls at all games.

A stronger administrative hand.

Top games at Olympic Park on Sundays, and most important.

All foreign names to be dropped from clubs.

Fans demand DISTRICT NAMES for clubs which will end once and for all the nationalistic brawls at games.

All this information comes from the result of our survey which has been conducted over the past three weeks.

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THE VOTING

1. Lack of suitable publicity in newspapers, TV and radio. 40.00%
2. Dissatisfaction with game's management at top. 30.00%
3. Absence of district teams. 11.23%
4. Behaviour of partisan crowds. 1.00%
5. Refereeing standards. 5.00%
6. Uninteresting curtain raisers. 3.00%
7. Bad distribution of games at Olympic Park. .55%
8. Lack of mid-week games under lights. 10%
9. Not enough Australian players. .07%
10. General bad sportsmanship displayed throughout the game. .05%

Today on page 5 we publish as many highlights from those who went to the trouble to write letters on the subject.

Some letters will be published in full at a later date.

THE ABC OF BEAUTY

POOLS RESULTS - page 7



• It's time for T..... which stands for TANTALIZING. Her name is Karen van Laun and she has absolutely nothing to do with Soccer but we're told that this scorcher on the beach used to work in a newspaper office.

Perhaps it's as well she didn't work in THIS office . . . her picture alone leaves most Soccer men stunned and speechless.

The Sydney club are keen to sign Duncan MacKay, the "brains" behind the State League club's rise to fame this season.

The Sydney club have already approached MacKay and so far there is "no comment" from both parties.

"You can't keep a good team down," says Croatian secretary Frank Burin.

"We will win our last game against Hakoah next Sunday," he forecasts.

Looking back on the rapid rise of Croatia since captain-coach MacKay and president Enver Begovic

joined the club last April, Croatia can feel proud.

They should finish sixth or seventh in the league depending on the result of Sunday's game.

Last Saturday against Juventus, MacKay played in No. 7 shirt and used the deep centre-forward position to baffle the Juventus defence.

His tactics paid off.

Tanned torso and windblown hair are the perfect combination for this girl's catch-me-if-you-can appeal.

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St George look home

By MARTIN ASTON

St. George Budapest has emerged as a strong favorite to win the Sydney competition.

JUNIORS

In an Under-12 match at Elsternwick last Saturday, the South of the Yarra team defeated Budapest (Adelaide) 7-1.

It was a good win to the Victorian side who exerted their superiority in the first half by scoring six goals without reply.

The second half was even score-wise, although the Vics. had many clear-cut chances and only some fine keeping by Bakursi kept them at bay.

The game as a whole proved one thing, that many fine footballers will come from these youngsters.

Goalscorers: South of the Yarra—S. Pongho (2), A. Pongho (2), Stephen, Simon and Robertson. Budapest—Hegyvari.

Sunshine City club negotiated an exchange of visits with the Auburn (N.S.W.) club.

In Melbourne last Saturday the City Under 14's put up a good performance in drawing 0-0 with the Auburn Under 15's.

Following this game, Councillor Moore of Sunshine City Council presented "Welcome to Sunshine" pennants to the Auburn team and said that he was an Australian Rules fan where they play it hard, but was amazed to see that they played Soccer hard too and it was also very skillful.

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BACKGROUND TO SOCCER

Do you think that our officials are doing the right thing by Australia's No. 1 referee Tony Boskovic?

At the moment Boskovic is being kept "on ice" to control the Sydney grand final on September 19, and the semi-finals and the final are going to be shared out to other referees.

The idea of this is to give experience to some of the others and prevent the possibility of Boskovic getting involved in a dispute with any particular club.

Roy Pearce is just one of the leading Sydney referees who have been forced out of the game prematurely in recent years because they have not been able to stand up to such criticism and outbreaks from supporters and officials of a particular club competing in the semi-finals and finals.

This is not meant as an affront to Pearce, because he is one of the most conscientious referees ever to be in charge of a Soccer match.

The truth of the matter was that he took his refereeing too seriously and began to worry about whether he had made a mistake to such an extent that his health suffered.

But Boskovic is a different type and at the moment he is getting fed up with being kept on the side-lines.

"I could go stale," he said recently to a friend.

Referees are not allowed to make statements to the Press but I know for a fact that Boskovic is of the opinion that if he is the best referee he is entitled to be in charge of the main matches.

And I agree with him.

Rugby League's top referee Col Pearce — no relation to Roy Pearce, although they work together — will be in charge of all of his code's semi-finals and finals and this has not prevented him from doing a magnificent job to date.

Norm Jones was in charge of the recent semi-final between Apia and Yugal, and his display could not be compared with the way in which Boskovic controls a match.

He failed to check a lot of "niggling" play and on several occasions there was nearly a serious flare up.

The players know that Boskovic will not stand any nonsense on the field and for that reason he has their respect and confidence and is rarely involved in any incidents.

Tibe gives up farming

Tibe Beesi, the Croatian defender, is back in Melbourne convinced that city life pays better than farming.

He recently tried his hand at farming in Gipps-

land but has returned to his old job as an engineer with United Carpet Mills, at Preston.

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AND what about George Cross? Including this season, Cross has finished the runner-up five times in the last seven seasons. The only years it finished lower than second were 1963 (third) and 1962 (fifth).

But its forwards persisted in shooting high balls at goal, and the 6 ft. 3 in. Ray Barotajs had no trouble receiving each shot safely and nonchalantly.

The dangerous shots — the low ones for the corners of the net — were glaringly absent.

I have learned this off the record from a source very close to the World Cup coach and virtual sole selector Tiko Yelisavich.

Yelisavich will be making several special trips to Melbourne to watch these players in action, during the next month or two.

As well as this, the Victorian players who did so well in the matches against Chelsea earlier in the season, Anderson, Billy Rice, Nigel Shepherd and Archie Blue, have only to hold their form to be assured of a place in the World Cup squad.

I can reveal that World Cup committee chairman Mr. Jim Bayutti was so impressed with the standard of play which he saw on a recent trip to Melbourne that he is writing a letter to the Victorian Soccer Federation about it.

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We have heard such good reports of Scott that he could go very close to

tipping Billy Rice out of the eventual World Cup team, but both of them appear certain to make the trip.

There is something of a cloud over the young goalkeeper John Roberts who did so well in the games against Chelsea — because he is going overseas on October 28.

He will be having a trial with three well-known English clubs including Manchester City and is planning to try his luck in South Africa if he cannot make the grade there.

Shepherd can consider himself a certainty for the right full-back position, but there is some doubt regarding the N.S.W. left-back George Nuttall.

Nuttall has been out of action for the last six weeks because of a hamstring muscle injury.

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Morrie Buckner says...

Some will say that, with one round yet to be played, Hellas hasn't won the title from George Cross yet. Mathematically, that's true. But for an upset to occur in the last round, Hellas would have to lose to Melbourne 0-3 while George Cross beats J.U.S.T. 4-0.

The odds against this happening this weekend must be in the region of about a million to one.

HAVE you noticed that the same five teams finished on top of the State League ladder this year and last year? They are Hellas, Cross, Slavia, Juventus, and J.U.S.T.

WHEN young Eugene Snopkowski was suspended by the disciplinary committee for three matches last week, Polonia was left without a goalkeeper. The selectors toyed with the idea of naming another untried goalie in utility junior player Henry Siwka.

Then they remembered Stan Majczak, a reserve goalie who got married a couple of months ago and dropped out of sight.

They looked him up and talked him into stripping for the game against George Cross. And he didn't do badly for a player who has been out of the game for months — he saved two penalty kicks!

AFTER the first seven rounds had been played this season, Croatia had lost five games and was second-last on the ladder. Then came Duncan Mackay and Croatia took the "cure".

In the last 14 rounds Croatia won 9 games, drew 2, and lost 3. It scored 30 goals and conceded 15. And it hauled itself up to sixth place on the ladder and looks like finishing there. That's a mighty effort.

I saw the first half of Croatia's game against Juventus on Saturday. It's fast, creative, yet deliberate approach play was good to watch, and it had the powerful Juventus defence in plenty of trouble.

And John Currie's hook shot over his left shoulder to score from about eight yards was a gem!

From Olympic Park, I crossed to the second half of the Slavia-Hakoah game at Port Melbourne. Hakoah had the wind at its back in this period, and winning most of the attack, had at least half-a-dozen chances to score.

But its forwards persisted in shooting high balls at goal, and the 6 ft. 3 in. Ray Barotajs had no trouble receiving each shot safely and nonchalantly.

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WEEKEND REFEREES

STATE LEAGUE: Alexandrou, Armstrong, Bartolo, Hecht, Maitland, Stafrace.

FIRST DIVISION

ATHENA v. SUNSHINE CITY (Greenwood)
DANEDONG CITY v. AUSTRIA (Radulovic)
OAKLEIGH v. BOX HILL (Lamb)
COBURG v. ALEXANDER (Pedler)
MORELAND v. SANDRINGHAM (Wootton)
MOONEE PONDS v. MAKEDONIA (Verniers)

SECOND DIVISION

PARK RANGERS v. RICHMOND (Lucas)
FERNTREE GULLY v. ST. ALBANS (Harrison)
LIBERTAS v. SOUTH YARRA (Mather)
VICTORIAN v. BAYSATERE (Riches)
PRAHRAN v. BRIGHTON (Weeks)
RINGWOOD v. SPRINGVALE (Delange)

THIRD DIVISION

HEIDELBERG v. I.C.I. (Slatis)
MOORABBIN v. TRIDENT (McGhee)
ALTONA v. WAVERLEY (Dixon)
NORTHCOTE v. CROYDON (Muench)
ESSENDON v. AJAX (Finigan)

FOURTH DIVISION

TULLAMARINE v. LILYDALE (Tisay)
OLYMPIC v. ST. KILDA (Zounas)
ALBION v. CHELSEA (Lamigan)
GLENROY v. HELVETIC (Henderson)
HERCULES v. MOOROOLBARK (Koren)
AIRPORT WEST — bye

Come and see the all-Italian clash

JUVENTUS v. TRIESTINA
this Saturday
at Olympic Park

It's your last chance this year to see these two Italian clubs in action — Kick-off 2.45 p.m.

One that Don missed



George Cross missed two penalties in the first half against Polonia on Sunday. Uwe Kuessner and his split-second sequence camera captured one of them. The top three pictures show Hodgson shooting and Polonia goalie Majerczak ready to dive. The bottom picture shows Majerczak on the ground and the ball rolling around the outside of the upright.

These can win cup

Three players are in the running for the Soccer News Best and Fairest trophy.

They are Tom McPherson, George Cross (26); John Anderson, Hellas (24) and Alastair Scott, Melbourne (23).

With only one round left to play, McPherson must poll three or two votes to be certain of winning. Anderson has the chance of becoming outright winner, and Scott can share first place.

Others to poll well in late runs were McKay of Croatia; Janczyk, Polonia, and Cook, Slavia. All received three votes in the last round, but their total was not big enough to place them in striking distance of the lead.

Here are Saturday's votes:

CROATIA v. JUVENTUS
3—McKay (C)
2—Voigt (J)
1—McMeechan (C)

MELBOURNE v. J.U.S.T.
3—Rice (J.U.S.T.)
2—Abonyi (M)
1—Scott (M)

SLAVIA v. HAKOAH
3—Cook (S)
2—Stenhouse (H)
1—Barotajs (S)

LIONS v. TRIESTINA
3—Schmit (L)
2—Del Fabbro (T)
1—Hamilton (L)

GEORGE CROSS v. POLONIA
3—Janczyk (P)
2—Horsfall (G.C.)
1—Campbell (G.C.)

S.M.-HELLAS v. WILHELMINA
3—Bedford (S.M.-H)
2—Hobson (W)
1—Service (S.M.-H)

PROGRESS
26—McPherson (G.C.)
24—Anderson (Hellas)
23—A. Scott (Melb.)
22—G. Scott (Juv.)
19—McKay, McMeechan (Croatia), Murney (Hakoah).
18—Cook, Short (Slav.), Janczyk (Pol.).

• A full list of voting will be published in Soccer News later this month.



They look like boxers getting ready to shape up. But it's only Juventus star Terry Luckhurst and Croatia's Bill McIntyre battling for the ball at Olympic Park on Saturday. Croatia scored a shock 1-0 win.—Picture Don Hruska.

LINK WITH ISRAEL

Theo Marmaras, chairman of the Victorian Soccer Federation, thanked Hapoel, the Tel Aviv club, for a sporting game against Hakoah-S.M. Hellas, at a reception at the George Hotel, St. Kilda.

He said it was good to see the link between Israel and Australia. Soccer had brought the two countries together through an international sport, and he hoped there would be more games between the two countries in future.

In heavy rain, Hakoah-Hellas beat Hapoel 2-0 after leading 1-0 at half time through a goal by Hugh Murney, the Hakoah half-back.

Hapoel played better soccer in the second half and were unlucky not to gain a goal.

The Combine won the game with a goal through Hellas winger Leo Damianakos.

ACTOR WANTS SUNDAY GAME

John Llewelyn, who is appearing in "Hello, Dolly" at Her Majesty's, is a Soccer man at heart. For relaxation he likes to kick a ball at weekends.

He's been playing in Sydney but now that he's in Melbourne he wants a game here, but has one request. Never on a weekday — ONLY SUNDAYS.

If there is a Sunday team looking for a winger John's the man to contact. You can get him at the theatre.

GEORGE CROSS - THE LEAGUE BRIDESMAIDS!

By JIM COOK

The 1965 League race is all over bar the shouting; You can mark Hellas down in your record books as retaining the title they won in 1964, with George Cross being pipped on the post for the fifth time.

George Cross, of course, must beat J.U.S.T. to finish runners-up. And their task won't be easy. J.U.S.T. have already beaten them decisively this season.

If George Cross fail and Slavia beat Polonia (no easy task, either) then Slavia would take second place.

GEORGE CROSS v. J.U.S.T.

The old question of "who's gonna be second" could be answered with the result of this match, likely to be J.U.S.T. but the same answer as it's been so often in the past — George Cross.

Taking the form book as a guide, George Cross should reverse their recent defeat by J.U.S.T. But it won't be easy, despite the unconvincing form of the Footscray side.

With loads of talent on display, this should be a thriller all the way, despite the fact that J.U.S.T. have failed to make the four for the first time in many years.

My tip: George Cross to win.

JUVENTUS v. TRIESTINA

Without a worry in the world and home and dry in the Australian Cup, Juventus face a Triestina side who have struggled bravely and gamely all season without an ounce of luck.

And with little at stake Juventus may be tempted to increase their quota of juniors in the side, especially as a few of the old hands appear out of form.

Only a miracle goal-scoring orgy and a defeat of Lions can save Triestina. In fact, their position looks both hopeless and impossible.

My tip: Juventus to win.

SLAVIA v. POLONIA

Undefeated in their last eight games, Slavia have made a great effort after a somewhat sticky spell earlier in the season.

Choc-a-block full of experience, they are well balanced in both defence and attack and the link-up between the two is excellent.

Polonia must be given full credit for the big gamble they have taken this season in throwing at least half a team of raw and immature youngsters.

But the boys, well supported with experienced players, have done the club proud and have proved that plenty of talent lies on the doorsteps of the State League clubs in Melbourne.

In this case, however, I expect that Slavia should have the pull.

My tip: Slavia.

HELLAS v. MELBOURNE

Inspired by the tag of 1965 league champions, Hellas should make amends for their recent defeat by Melbourne. And in no uncertain manner.

Melbourne have badly slumped in their past two games and are beset with a keeper problem. Neither Urban or Radovanov have proved an able deputy for Surma and they are losing too many soft goals. This has had a shattering effect on the rest of the defence.

who were normally rock steady.

If Hellas adopt a more tenacious approach than they did the last time they met they should emerge easy winners.

My tip: Hellas to win.

CROATIA v. HAKOAH

A win here for Croatia and they take over the sixth position in the league ladder from Hakoah. A highly commendable placing for the shock side of 1965.

And Croatia can do it. Having downed all the "big shots", except Slavia, they should outpace Hakoah and fully emphasise their superiority in attack.

Once again Hakoah will have to pin their faith on Murney, John O'Neill and Stenhouse — a half-line trio that compares favorably with any in the State League. Pity their other departments didn't match up.

My tip: Croatia to win.

HELLAS v. WILHELMINA

Irrespective of the result of the Juventus-Triestina game, Lions only need a division of points here to put the issue beyond doubt.

With a brand new side from goalkeeper to outside left since the start of the season, Lions have vastly improved their game with out scoring goals to match their performances.

My tip: A draw.

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in last Saturday's
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round.

The closest game was
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which ended in a 1-1 draw
after extra time. A replay
is necessary.

Essendon had most of the
play and only a superb display
by the Ringwood goalie
aided by some poor shooting
by Essendon centre-
forward Noel O'Connor
saved Ringwood from defeat.

Morrison put Essendon
ahead in the first half, but
Ringwood got the vital
equaliser in the second
term.

EXTRA TIME

Essendon played most
of extra time without
Cliff Davis who had to
leave the field with a sus-
pended burst blood vessel
in his leg.

Although the score of 4-1
indicates an easy win to
Park Rangers over Bell
Park this was not so.

The Geelong boys played
some great Soccer in the
first 20 minutes and were
unlucky not to score on
two or three occasions.
Their main stumbling block
was Bobby Whiteside who
played a great game at
centre-half for the Rangers.

Despite being on the
defensive, Rangers scored
at the wrong time, because
the Rangers are bang in
form. I put my money on
Rangers to score an upset
victory.

Luck was on their side as
Austin Whiteside scored
direct from a corner in the
66th minute.

Five minutes later Jimmy
Roseburgh scored from a
good pass from Joe Bray.
Two minutes from time
Jimmy Whiteside scored
from a free kick which
went in off a defender.

Bell Park finally got their
consolation goal one
minute from time.

Bell Park didn't have any
luck in this game and they
even missed a penalty when
Dale Angus brilliantly
saved it.

Box Hill made happy go-
ing of beating 4th Division
club Olympic 4-0. Olympic
fought it out to the final
whistle.

Peter Craig scored the
Hillmen's first goal after
32 minutes. Six minutes
later John Spittal crossed
for Craig to head home.

After half-time, Mike
Smith got another three
with a right foot drive from
an angle shot. Then Peter
Craig completed his hat-trick
when he headed in another cross from Spittal.

GOOD SHOW

The Pegasus team from
Morell shouldn't be dis-
couraged with their 2-4 de-
feat by Moreland as they
put up a good performance.

Although George Melk-
john put Moreland ahead,
Pegasus, kicking with the
win, scored two goals to
take the lead by half-time.

They held the lead till
midway through the sec-
ond half, then Moreland,
who had been unimpre-
ssive, forged to the lead
with a hat-trick from Dun-
can Carmichael.

Carmichael scored the
fourth goal but the young
Pegasus boys didn't give
up trying.

Coburg ran out 2-0 win-
ners over Athens in a hard-
fought game.

Coburg's superior foot-
ball ability told in the end,
but it took them till the
second half to score.

Roy Yearly was the
man on target scoring both
of their goals.

1st DIVISION

Relegation again takes
the limelight and the
matches of interest are
those between Moreland v.
Sandringham, Moonee
Ponds v. Makedonia and
Athens v. Sunshine City.

I'll go for Sunshine City
to beat Athena. No doubt
the City boys will be put-
ting up a last-ditch stand to
retain their Division One
status.

METROPOLITAN ROUND-
UP. We regret this preview
was compiled before the
Federation revised fixtures
for the week-end.



**Metropolitan round-up with
Martyn Harris**

After a hard struggle in
become outright cham-
pions, but who is to ac-
company them is still in
doubt. Altona are favorites
as they should beat Wav-
erley, but Ajax have a
tough game at Essendon
and a draw is likely.

Others winners: Heidel-
berg, Moorabbin and
Northcote.

4th DIVISION

With Hercules already in
next year's Third Division,
focus is on Albion and
Glenroy.

Glenroy have only a slim
chance of promotion as
they are four points behind
Albion with three games to
go.

Albion should virtually
clinch the issue with a win
over Chelsea, but Glenroy
might have a little trouble
in downing Helvetia.

Other winners: Tullar-
marine, St. Kilda and Her-
cules.

CLUB NEWS

Sunshine City are annoy-
ed, as their application for
the Harry Armstrong Cup,
although forwarded to the
Federation, was not re-
ceived. The only notification
of this was when they read in a
bi-weekly newspaper of the
draw.

I realise this is a rare
occurrence, but I feel the
Federation could at least
contact clubs that haven't
submitted an entry to avoid
such instances as these.

In a friendly match last
Saturday, Sunshine City
drew 1-1 with Brighton.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HAKOAH?

By STEPHEN KALUS

Hakoah's claim to be in the top family
of Australian Soccer received a shot in
the arm when their State League and
reserve teams were marching from vic-
tory to victory early this season.

But what has happened
to them? Now they can't
win a game and the first
team has been pushed out
of the top four.

Who is to blame for the
downfall?

Who is responsible for
the loss of the Blue and
White team spirit? The
players, the coach or the
executive?

Hakoah supporters are
disappointed with the once
very strong club sponsored
by the Melbourne Jewish
community.

Committee members are
openly blaming the man-
agement of the club for the
failure.

They claim the club's de-
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out reserve players.

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England and Scotland, some
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enough attention to juniors
and as a result it is the
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which did not have a
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junior teams Hakoah and

Hakoah-Ajax also proved
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They will not only have our
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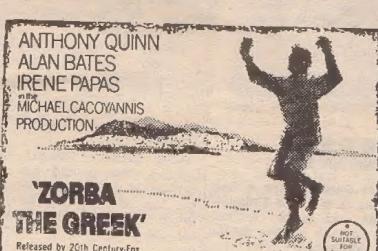
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SURVEY: FANS WANT SOUND ADMINISTRATION

Today we publish more letters from the many hundreds of readers who took part in our survey to find "What's Wrong With Soccer?"

We have received letters in Greek and Italian, and some readers, including club officials, have written lengthy letters on how to improve the game.

The survey confirmed a drop in crowds.

Many readers said they only watched Soccer "occasionally" but in previous years they had been "regulars".

Lack of interest and poor main games were the reasons given for the fall off.

To all these loyal Soccer News readers we say a very big THANK YOU for taking part in this important survey.

We have had to abbreviate letters in order to publish as many as we can, but we have tried to fit out only the very essence of them.

In presenting these comments from the people who keep Soccer going in Victoria, Soccer News hopes that those responsible for the administration of the game will take note on what the public want in Soccer.

Many of the suggestions made are sound and with a little effort can be put into practice to the betterment of all concerned.

Here are this week's letters:

• Television publicity must be obtained either through a sponsor or by spending Federation funds. I cannot attend weekend games but would attend mid-week games if they were held under floodlights at Olympic Park. Congratulations on providing an excellent Soccer paper. — D. Black, 6 Rose Ave., Boronia.

• Being a newcomer to Soccer I'm interested in your survey. I have only seen a couple of games. I would like to see the teams published every week before the games. I would also like to know how to get to the grounds. I would also like to have a book of the rules. How would a person go about being a member? I like the Hakoah club. Can I buy a season ticket, if so how much? Grounds need more stands with cover. — Miss P. Bruce, 5 Reed St., Albert Park.

(Please write to Mr. Kurt Defris, Hakoah secretary, Clubrooms, Albert Park, for details of Hakoah membership.—Editor.)

• Biggest wrong in Soccer is the appointment of persons in top positions of the Federation who have never kicked a ball and the worst thing is that these persons belong to State

League clubs. These people only look after the interest of their own club and not Soccer in general. Survey or no survey, I don't think anything will be done about these people. Get a committee to look after the referees and penalise them or award them votes for their performances. At the end of the season award a trophy or a trip for two for the best refs. Increase their fees — John Pantopoulos, 10 Lydia Ave., Nth. Campbellfield.

PUBLICITY: Let's do something

Publicity is the keynote to Soccer's success in Victoria.

Our survey proves that more publicity is required.

But the Federation is timid again if they believe the Melbourne Press will come to them for news — they won't.

The only Press Soccer gets as a "gift" is bad publicity mainly because there is NO BUSINESS in Soccer for Melbourne's daily and evening newspapers.

Reason why the papers boost footy is that it sells newspapers and until our code attracts more we cannot expect Soccer to get a "go" in the Press.

We believe the answer is to employ a top public relations company to promote the game in a big way.

Money MUST be set aside now for promotion and this must be done without any objections from penny-pinching club officials.

The time to act is NOW — not tomorrow. Tomorrow will be too late.

I originally came from Malta 15 years ago at the age of four, so you might say I'm Australian bred. I played football at school and for a while had never heard of Soccer until I saw the British films on TV. Suddenly I realised how sure Soccer killed Aussie Rules. The only thing to boost Soccer here is full time professionalism. This and not the National League is a must. We must then take some real action to assist Juniors (not by words) and employ expert coaches to train them. Improve grounds, improve referees and educate players with the rules. — Jim Borg, 24 Roseburn Ave., Cheltenham.

The Federation should publish a guide to the rules of Soccer with illustrated diagrams to help people get to know the game. It should be a small handbook, pocket size. — L. Erakovich, 8 Turner St., Pascoe Vale South.

Put a full half hour on TV not just 3 or 4 minutes like we have now. Show the public what Soccer is. Get the Federation to sponsor a TV show. Stage a first-class Soccer game at Olympic Park say between Real Madrid and Internazionale Milan or Manchester United and Glasgow Rangers. Help the juniors every way possible. — Tony Marzin and sister, 8 Clive Ave., Mentone.

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• Teams with low followings in State League should have district names, e.g. Hakoah and Slavia. More publicity is required. — John Wilson, 37 David Ave., East Kew.

• Every State League club should have a scoreboard and most important a public address system because this is the only way to make the players known to the casual supporter. — E. Wenczkowski, 17 Farman St., Westgarth.

• There should be more advertising and more publicity of Soccer in Victoria. — Miss Anita Beck, 2 Darcombe Ave., Kew.

• Soccer will improve only with its own TV show and more publicity. — F. Pei, 46 Hilton St., Glenroy.

• The game doesn't get enough publicity in the papers, on TV or radio. — Cecil Dallas, 7 Lerina St., Clayton.

• Reason why people stay away from Soccer is (i) the referees, (ii) rough play, (iii) bad sportsmanship by some players. Improve the standard of referees (some are too old) and clean up the rough play. — J. Kohlek, 17 Geum St., Glenroy.

• Soccer will never progress until brawls are stamped out. It is no use blaming Jack Dyer for attacking Soccer, he gets all the ammunition he wants. Even if the brawls were to stop now for good, it will take years to live them down. — John W. Gill, 22 Grey St., East Geelong.

• Victorian Soccer is too local. There should be clubs from Geelong and other towns in Victoria for example — Bendigo, Ballarat, Ringwood, Frankston, Yallourn, etc. The Federation should give all fans the opportunity to watch a good game. Soccer needs a new image and a major public relations plan. Soccer all over the world is played city against city, town against town. Why then should we confine the game to Melbourne? Removing country teams from the leagues was a backward step. Administration should be by impartial men, not club. Engage a public relations man to sell the game and create a new image. — J. Lindsay, 23 Glebe Ave., Frankston.

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More Letters from our Survey will be published next week

• There is only one way to improve Soccer — form a National League; scrap all foreign teams names; get rid of officials with national affiliations; co-operate with TV and Press especially the ABC; stop importing players and concentrate on local talent. — John Polotzek, 40 Alfreda St., St. Albans.

• Australians must be taught the rules of the game through the Press. There should be more news about State League matches. In the papers we only see a couple of lines about every match. I am sure that if the public gets to know more about the weekly games, attendances will increase. All that the public know from the daily papers are the dark spots but never the bright ones. — Francis Xerxes (Melbourne).

• Soccer is still being carried by the bulk, by non-British migrants, therefore it is natural for many to stop following their respective team which has become a refuge for the incompetent second graders from Great Britain who have in most cases superceded skill to brawn — Josef Brim (Melbourne).

• Federation should be run independently. Clubs should be heavily penalised for bad behaviour of their supporters (bad language and fights keep decent people away from the game). Improve the grounds, even Olympic Park needs drainage. Scoreboards with clocks at all grounds. Get some uniformity in paying the players. Firm timetable for fixtures. Publicise teams during the week. Spend more money on juniors. Don't bring more than one or two overseas teams a year to Australia — Josef Brim, 40 Kerferd Rd., Albert Park.

• I enjoy your informative paper. I assure you it's no fault of yours that people are staying away from Soccer. The publicity Soccer gets is not good enough. Why doesn't the Sun, Age and Australian have more news? The Globe is second best after Soccer News. Form a National League immediately. Play a game like Manchester United v. Milan at the M.C.G. — Joe Gauci, 75 Bloomfield Rd., Ascot Vale.

• Propaganda to improve Soccer in Melbourne through TV, radio and Press is poor. A couple of years ago a clinic organised by Soccer News was a good idea. Why was it abandoned? I buy Soccer News every Thursday and I was surprised today not to see on the front page "Everybody at Middle Park on Sunday, August 29 for the Big Clash of the year George Cross v. Hellas". How do we expect to attract crowds with only a few lines in the Herald on Friday and The Age and Sun on Saturday? — S. Lanzon, 34 Toorak Rd., Box Hill Nth.

(Excuse me Sir, we did have a story on the front page about the big clash. It was under the heading "D Day for them". At the time of the clinics, two senior editorial men associated with this newspaper were engaged as public relations officers for the Victorian Soccer Federation.—Editor.)

• Graham Baulk, the former Watford junior went up against Ringwood in the Harry Armstrong Cup. This was the second successive week Baulk had scored five goals for the Cross Reserves. He is now leading scorer for the Reserves.



Ugly scenes from a match between Santos and Milan which resulted in a 2-2 victory for the Italian side. Rather surprisingly the Brazilian player (white shirt) throwing his fist in all directions is Pele—obviously trying to prove that he is no mean hand at the noble art of boxing.

VICTORIAN SOCCER FEDERATION

OFFICIAL REPUDIATION OF INACCURATE NEWS-PAPER REPORT PUBLISHED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1965

On Monday last, a daily newspaper published an article dealing with an alleged dispute between the Chairman of the State League Management Committee and the Committee of Management for Albert Park, who are Trustees of the Middle Park ground, and purporting to describe how he forced South Melbourne Hellas to play against their wishes by use of threats.

This article concluded with the words "It is understood an enquiry will be held as to the authority of the State League Chairman to threaten a Club with loss of points when the ground is declared unplayable by the Ground Manager."

The Victorian Soccer Federation wishes to make it clear to all followers of the sport, that although a double was expressed on Saturday morning about the condition of the ground, when the circumstances under which a game might be postponed because of bad ground conditions were explained to Senator Kennedy of the Albert Park Committee, no objections were made to the playing of the game S.M. Hellas v. Wilhelmina. In his capacity as Chairman of the Grounds and Fixtures Committee Mr. Kovac did discuss ground conditions with Senator Kennedy and

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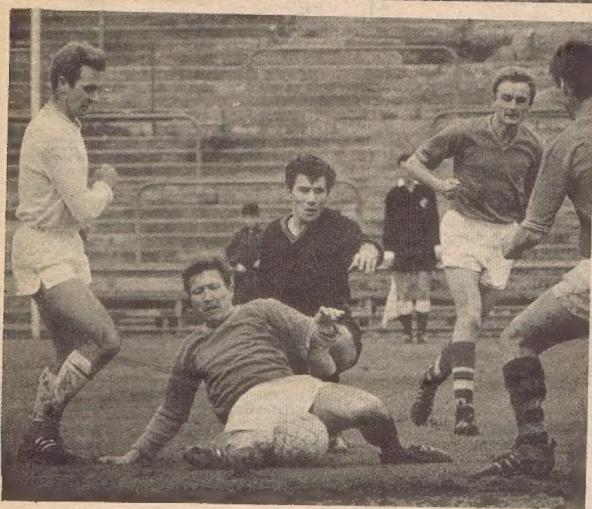
RIGHT: Polonia's goalkeeper Majerczak slips to the ground in the teeth of goal. Vic Janczyk pushes Don Hodgson out of the way as Polonia full-back Blank (No. 3) races in.



With Hodgson out of the way, Janczyk darts in to cover the ball. Sigmund Gross appears in the background.



George Cross forward Bob Mayle appears on the scene and shoots his foot at the ball, but Janczyk slams his right foot down between Mayle and the ball. Meanwhile the goalkeeper is recovering from his tumble.



LEFT: Janczyk sits on the ground, and positions the ball between his legs to prevent Mayle from scoring.

RIGHT: Janczyk rolls over and slips the ball back as Majerczak springs to his feet.

BELOW RIGHT: Majerczak pounces on the ball just as Hodgson moves back on the scene. This action took only two seconds to pass — and Uwe Kuessner shot these six shots in that time.



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VICTORIAN LEAGUE TABLES

STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A
S.M.-Hellas	21	14	4	3	51	18
George Cross	21	13	4	4	43	19
Slavia	21	12	5	4	40	23
J.U.S.T.	21	14	0	7	42	28
Croatia	21	12	2	7	39	26
Hellenic	21	10	3	8	38	23
Polonia	21	6	7	6	24	23
Wilhelmina	21	5	6	10	28	41
Melbourne	21	2	8	11	20	38
Lions	21	2	2	4	15	19
Triestina	21	1	4	16	17	64

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Juventus	20	14	3	3	57	18
George Cross	20	14	3	6	51	26
Hellenic	20	11	2	8	47	35
Croatia	19	10	2	7	58	32
Lions	19	10	2	7	44	32
Wilhelmina	20	10	1	9	70	54
Slavia	21	9	3	9	45	38
Polonia	20	9	2	9	44	40
J.P.S.T.	19	9	1	9	41	50
Melbourne	19	6	3	10	46	52
S.M.-Hellas	19	4	2	13	20	52
Triestina	19	0	0	19	8	128

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Alexander	21	15	2	4	59	18
Makedonia	21	11	7	3	38	19
Coburg	21	10	3	8	41	33
Dandenong	21	9	4	8	30	32
Austria	21	7	7	3	26	30
Box Hill	21	8	4	9	38	20
Athens	20	6	7	3	33	19
Oakleigh	21	8	3	10	36	40
Sandringham	21	7	4	10	25	43
Moonee Ponds	21	6	5	10	31	52
Moreland	20	5	5	10	23	35
Sunshine City	21	5	5	11	24	38

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A
St. Albans	21	14	2	5	52	29
Libertas	20	10	7	3	44	27
Ferntree Gully	20	12	3	5	67	43
Ringwood	21	12	3	6	57	40
Richmond	21	11	5	4	52	28
Springvale	21	10	6	5	48	36
Brighton	21	11	3	7	45	36
University	21	6	4	11	33	42
Prahran	21	6	4	11	35	51
Park Rangers	21	7	1	13	37	71
Bayswater	21	2	4	15	28	50
South Yarra	21	2	2	17	40	82

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Frankston	21	17	1	7	53	16
Altona	21	15	2	4	50	33
Ajax	21	12	2	5	53	29
Dandenong	20	13	0	7	38	32
Mooreabbn	21	11	1	9	57	40
Essendon	20	10	2	8	36	29
F.N.D.	21	8	4	9	59	45
Waverley	21	8	4	9	36	33
Heidelberg	21	9	2	10	25	24
Northcote	21	4	4	13	26	57
Croydon	21	3	2	16	26	63
I.C.T.	21	0	0	16	91	2

FIRST DIVISION RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Box Hill	21	20	1	0	76	13
Sunshine City	21	13	4	4	57	19
Dandenong	21	13	4	4	65	28
Sandringham	21	12	5	5	58	36
Moreland	21	8	6	7	26	30
Austria	21	8	4	9	40	39
Makedonia	21	8	4	9	28	43
Alexander	21	7	4	10	36	44
Coburg	21	6	3	12	26	40
Oakleigh	21	4	5	12	19	45
Moonee Ponds	21	4	2	15	16	59
Athena	21	2	5	14	21	72

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University	19	11	2	6	33	26
St. Albans	19	9	3	7	32	37
Ferntree Gully	19	8	3	8	34	35
Prahran	19	8	4	9	37	34
Ringwood	19	6	4	9	44	45
Springvale	19	6	4	9	32	35
Tullamarine	18	9	1	8	39	40
Olympic	21	7	3	11	40	54
Lilydale	21	5	1	15	32	93
Airport West	21	2	1	18	27	108
Melita	21	0	0	21	6	35

LAST WEEK-END IN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND

DIVISION ONE

DIVISION THREE

DIVISION FOUR

DIVISION TWO

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

ENGLISH DIVISION FIVE

ENGLISH DIVISION SIX

ENGLISH DIVISION SEVEN

ENGLISH DIVISION EIGHT

ENGLISH DIVISION NINE

ENGLISH DIVISION TEN

ENGLISH DIVISION ELEVEN

ENGLISH DIVISION TWELVE

ENGLISH DIVISION THIRTEEN

ENGLISH DIVISION FOURTEEN

ENGLISH DIVISION FIFTEEN

ENGLISH DIVISION SIXTEEN

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ENGLISH DIVISION TWENTY-FIVE

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JIM COOK

SOME JUNIORS DO MAKE IT!

Over the past few years the cry has gone up in many quarters, "build up the sides with at least a few local juniors". A commendable suggestion and one that is beginning to pay-off.

In the past three or four years only a trickle of youngsters have matured and still hold down regular first team placings. They include Mike Mandalls, Attilo Aboyni, Billy Vojtek, Marko Fodo and Henri Surma.

This season a record has been attained. And the production of juniors to the senior ranks has never been greater.

Youngsters who have arrived on the scene and either gained regular first team placings or extended runs in the big side:

* Snopkowski, Marmour, Blank, Sliwka and Plaskota, Olinowski, Czerniecki and Wrubel (Polonia).

* Kastener and Finch (George Cross).

* Damanaikos (Hellas).

* Di Marchi, Fogale and Del Rocca (Juventus).

* Shanks and Urban (Melbourne).

* Treffers (Wilhelmina).

* On again, off again. That was the story at Middle Park. A Wilhelmina official and a Middle Park trustee decided that the Hellas-Wilhelmina match would not be played on Sunday because the ground was unfit for play. GTV9 announced that it was OFF. When the referee arrived he announced that it was ON. As a result of the mix up many Greek fans were seen watching the George Cross-Polonia match at Olympic Park.

* Among the guests at Hellas v. George Cross game was the Greek Consul and Senator Pat Kenney.

* Sydney Soccer club APIA may sponsor a visit to Australia next year by Italian first division side Catania. According to Joe Lo Bianco, the APIA president, two games would be played in Sydney and two in Melbourne with Hellas supplying the opposition in one of the Melbourne matches.

* Bobby McLauchlan, Croatia wing half, who was carried off the ground at Olympic Park last Saturday, spent six hours in the Alfred Hospital with concussion. He didn't remember what happened to him but he's OK now.

* Have you heard the Hakoah team song? It's terrific. After the Hapoel game last Wednesday the boys got together at the George Hotel, St. Kilda, and believe me, it was delightful. I'd say Hakoah would have the best team of choristers in Victorian Soccer.

* It is believed Ian McDonald, the Hakoah reserve goalie, has asked for transfer to Croatia.

* Lions three pronged protest over the recent game with Wilhelmina and which concerned three of the Ringwood players was again dismissed after the Essendon club had appealed against the earlier decision of the Federation that there was no breach of the rules.

* Tipped in certain Sydney quarters for the post of assistant manager of the Australian World Cup side is Mike Weinstein, of Hakoah. Seems likely that Jim Baytilli who is vice-chairman of the Australian Soccer Federation will be the manager.

* Heard somebody broke into the Carlton dressing rooms and stole Ron Barassi's false teeth! A Soccer fan?

* Something I've been shouting about for years. Give our players good playing surfaces and the standard of Soccer will improve. Proof of this was very much in evidence on the luscious green turf of Middle Park.



Here's a fine action shot of Dino Di Marchi the Juventus hat-trick specialist in action at Olympic Park on Saturday — Photo: Don Hruska.

* A crowd of 1,800 attended the George Cross Malta Day Ball in the Royal Ballroom last Saturday evening. Among the guests were the Rt. Hon. Arthur Calwell, Mr. Theo Marmaras and Mrs. Harry Dockerty.

* Another player who has been in the wars all season, Alex Purdie, of Hakoah, Alex went into Hospital for a cartilage operation on Monday — a bad blow for Hakoah who are sorely missing the strong-going winger.

* Who do you reckon popped up at the George Cross Ball? None other than our old friend — Freddy Falzon who has been with Prague for the past two seasons.

Fred was down in Melbourne with Ernie Small in charge of the Prague Juniors.

* Bad luck still dogs Sandy Jones, the Slavia centre forward. Recently returned to the first team after a long lay-off through a leg injury he pulled a muscle in mid-week training and had to call off in the game against Hakoah.

He is, of course, still in the game with George Cross.

Wilhelmina side of those days for those with nostalgic memories was: Janssen, Sloothak, Mathysen, Noy, Westerveld, Remmers, Luyten, Keukens, Yntema, De Bruyckere and Petersen.

CURSE ON NO. 9

* There are some nice blokes in Soccer. As a goodwill gesture Mike Weinstein and Isaac Spiegel provided a tour of Healesville for the Hapoel Israeli team before they left Melbourne on Friday.

* WHICH of the nine "No. 9" forwards used by England since the 1966 World Cup team manager Alf Ramsey dialed for international duty in the 1968 championships in England?

The nine leaders tried were Gerry Hitchens (still in Italy), Alan Peacock (Middlesbrough when capped, now Leeds), Ray Charnley (Blackpool), Johnny Byrne (West Ham), Bobby Smith (then Spurs, now Brighton), Fred Pickering (Everton), Frank Wignall (Newhaven Forest), Barry Bridges (Sheffield) and Mick Jones (Sheffield United).

Ruled out

Hitchens and Smith can be ruled out. Peacock and Charnley were the choices of the previous international team manager, Walter Winterbottom, who also used such nomenclature as "names as Joe Baker (the Hillsborough, now Arsenal), Ray Crawford (then Ipswich, now West Bromwich) and Ray Pointer (then Burnley now Bury)."

Add the names of Martin Chivers (Southampton) and Geoff Hurst (West Ham), younger leaders in the Under-23 colours, and the total is fourteen, all still active footballers.

Centre forward is thus underlined as England's trickiest international position to fill. Or else there must be a gentle Soccer curse on all the No. 9's!

Another No. 9 is now attracting England attention — Bobby Brown, sandy-haired, 6ft, 12st. centre forward of newly-promoted Northampton Town.

Watched

Manager Ramsey saw him in the first game of the season at Everton. I watched Brown's jump Arsenal's double centre half stargate of Ian Ure and Terry Neill to score again.

Brown, then twenty-one, was Britain's Olympic centre forward in Rome in 1960. As a Barnet amateur he was coached by Chelsea's Tommy Docherty. Tom Glenny had Brown in his Far East touring squad. Nine League clubs wooed this amateur goal king. But, as so often happens in football and boxing, the good amateur stayed amateur too long. Life alongside the pros was difficult at Fulham (where they let him go).

* Of the Wilhelmina side which won the 1958 Dockerty Cup in 1958 and the State League championship in 1959, only one first team player of that era remains in the present side — Jim Keulen. Hans Petersen, also a member of the 1958-59 Wilhelmina side is the only other player still playing in State League.

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* Willie Hamilton, the Lions right half and captain, and Billy Cook the Slavia centre half, were team-mates in Scotland. Both played with Kilmarnock at the same time.

* Jackie Dudson has long since passed his century of league games for Polonia. Ziggy Gross recently chalked his 100 up and it won't be long before Vic Janczyk reaches three figures to make it 300 for these three players.

* Top officials of George Cross and Hellas praised highly the display of Geoff Harrison the referee at their game last Sunday.

POOLS IN PLENTY

* If all the pools coupons that poured through the letter boxes for the start of the football season were opened up and placed end to end they would have stretched across the Atlantic Ocean and half way back to Britain.

* I like Brian Glenville's "World Football Handbook, 1966" (Mayflower Books Ltd., 5s.) but cannot understand the action picture of "Bobby Charlton in action in the 1965 FA Cup Final." Funny, I thought Liverpool beat Leeds in that!

When airborne, Brown jolts the memory. For a second there is a touch of the Tommy Lawton about him — and Tommy was the man who made the "No. 9" job such a comfortable selection exercise for England.

Gutsy

With Bobby Smith's beef about England had another Nat Lofthouse, old-fashioned style, feared throughout Europe for his gutsy directness of manner. Smith the England front line is not getting the goals which clever persistent and sound midfield play deserves.

CENTRE FORWARDS, THE NO. 9 JERSEY AWAITS YOU!

SWIFT ANSWER

* SWIFTLY the FA have moved in to give their side of the story as far as the World Cup ticket allocation is concerned. Last week, I told of Brazilian criticism that (a) not enough seats were being made available for their fans; ((b)) tickets could not be guaranteed for all Brazilian matches at (c) English hotels were asking for the entire bill paid well in advance of the July 1966 playing date.

World Cup Publicity Officer Mr. Harold Mayes, writes to say the governing factor about ticket allocation is that the total seating capacity is just 25 per cent. of the total number of tickets available.

PERCENTAGE

Large block applications have to be dealt with on a percentage basis: 12 per cent. of Grade 1 tickets, 24 per cent. of Grade 2, 32 per cent. of Grade 3 and 4.

The FA has set up a pool at every World Cup ground to accommodate supporters of the teams which play in the different Group areas.

The ticket demand from Brazilians is particularly heavy as they have known from the start they will be playing in the Finals. It would have been wrong, we feel, to have satisfied their demands for all Grade 1 tickets (seats) so that when later qualifying countries come along for their allocations the ticket would not be available in the required percentages," says Mr. Mayes.

* Despite rumours of a rift between the player and club, Bob Sharp, the Lions forward, has been absent from the Essendon side's line-up for the past two games through a thigh injury received against Wilhelmina. At least a couple of top sides are likely to bid for Sharp whether Lions stay up or go down.

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